



NEWSLETTER

DATE: 25/11/2020

TERM: 4

EDITION: 4

Dear Parents and Carers,

In the upcoming Advent season, as a school community, we are encouraging students to think of others in our Ballarat community who are less fortunate than ourselves and in need of assistance. With this in mind, the Student Leadership Group has commenced a Christmas Food Appeal to donate to St Vincent de Paul. Each family is encouraged to bring along non-perishable food items and leave them at the school office. We will be taking donations up until Wednesday, 9th December, after which we will pass them on to St Vincent de Paul to distribute. Thanks for your anticipated support.



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Foundation 2021 Orientation

What a delight it has been to see the faces of our new Foundation students for 2021 coming through the doors of St Thomas More School at the orientation sessions over the last two weeks. After what has been a rollercoaster of a year, it brings us much joy to see their 63 smiling faces, bringing with them the hope of a wonderful year ahead. Thank you to our fantastic the Parents and Friends Association who have been welcoming our Foundation families in a variety of ways. A reminder that tomorrow night we hold our online Foundation 2021 parent information session at 6pm.



Congratulation to Tayla Hobbs

The school community congratulates Miss Tayla Hobbs, our graduate Grade 3/4 teacher, who has successfully completed her Victorian Institute of Teaching (VIT) provisional registration this year. She has completed the required additional tasks and is now a fully registered teacher. We also thank Kath Davis, who has been her mentor teacher over the last 12 months.



Year 3/4 Camp

There is excitement building in the Year 3/4 unit as students and staff prepare to head off on camp next week. Next Monday the students are heading off for an overnight trip to Cave Hill Creek. We will update families through our school Facebook page of the adventures they encounter.

'Going Up' Day

On Tuesday 8th December, students will participate in what is referred to as "Going Up Day". On this day your child will meet their classmates and teacher for next year. They will also be learning about some of the many exciting things that we have planned for 2021.

End of Year Mass and Year 6 Graduation

In past years, as a Catholic school, our whole school community has always celebrated the end of the school year with a Mass and Year 6 Graduation ceremony at St Patrick's Cathedral. Unfortunately, due to the COVID restrictions, we are unable to continue this tradition this year. This has prompted us to be more creative in the way that we continue to recognise, value and celebrate all the blessings (and challenges) that we have had experienced as a learning community throughout 2020. This year our end of year Mass and graduation ceremony will be led by Fr Justin on **Wednesday 9th December at 9:30am** in our Multi-Purpose Room and will only have the Year 6 students and their teachers present, but the whole ceremony will be videoed and live streamed so that our community can participate remotely and spiritually. Details regarding access will be forwarded to families prior to the event.



Student End of Year School Reports

Student reports will be available for parents to access via the Parent Access Module (PAM) on Tuesday 8th December. Your child's Semester 2 report has been created according to a criterion set by the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA). This year, due to COVID restrictions and Remote Learning, the criteria and reporting requirements were changed for Semester 1 and have changed again for Semester 2.

Your child's 'End of Year Report' includes the Victorian Curriculum Achievement Standards Graph which shows your child's level of achievement for the three strands of Literacy and Numeracy since Semester 2, 2019 (Foundation students excepted). Teachers have detailed content covered in these areas in a series of learning statements. Teachers have also provided a brief explanation of the content taught in Religious Education and this is followed by a Religious Education Achievement Graph. Specialist subjects contain an overview of skills taught and learning statements for this term. The classroom teacher has reported on your child's work habits, assessed students on observed personal and social capabilities before writing a General Comment.

Final Fun Day

This year the final day in the classroom for students will be Monday 14th December. Usually on this day the school community gathers for a *Picnic Day* at Victoria Park however, with current restrictions in place, this will be unable to occur. To compensate for this, we have planned an action-packed day of fun at school for the students. More details will be sent out in the next newsletter.

Numeracy and Literacy Assessments

Numeracy and Literacy Assessments appointment times will be emailed to all families next week. Your child will participate in a 30-minute Numeracy or Literacy interview on either **Tuesday 15th December** or **Wednesday 16th December** this year and another 30-minute Numeracy or Literacy assessment on either **Thursday 28th January 2021** or **Friday 29th January 2021**. It is important that all students attend their allocated sessions so that the testing is able to be carried out. Please note, Foundation 2021 students will also need to attend these appointments.

2021 Fee Payment Agreements

Last week each family should have received the 2021 Fee Payment Agreement via email. This document has also been attached to this newsletter on pages 4 and 5. Please return this completed form to the office by Tuesday 8th December. We recommend that families take advantage of setting up regular direct debit or credit card payments. Also, keep in mind if you would prefer more regular payments to be deducted, such as weekly or periods outside the nominated dates, this can also be possible. Please detail on your form if an arrangement outside of the usual payment methods might be more suitable. If you have any questions or queries please contact the office.

God bless you all and keep you safe,

Mr Simon Duffy,
Principal

Term 4 Calendar, 2020

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8 Nov	23	24 Foundation 2021 Transition day	25 Foundation 2021 Transition day Assembly presented by F/1Cudia	26 Whole School Prayer led by 2Gittings	27
9 Nov/ Dec	30 Year 3/4 Camp at Cave Hill Creek	1 Year 3/4 Camp at Cave Hill Creek	2 Assembly presented by 1/2Nykoluk/Baker	3 Whole School Prayer led by F/1Mitchell	4
10 Dec	7	8 Going up day REPORTS GO HOME	9 Year 6 Graduation 9.30am live streamed to parents Assembly presented by ½ Turkenburg/Wheelahan	10	11
11 Dec	14 Student's last day Final Fun Day	15 Student Assessment Day	16 Student Assessment Day	17 Staff planning Day	18 Staff Day

Term 1 Calendar, 2021

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 January	25 School holidays	26 Australia Day Public holiday	27 Staff Professional Development Day - No students	28 Student Assessment Day	29 Student Assessment Day
9 February	1 All student commence school	2	3 Foundation students do not attend Wednesday's	4	5

COMMUNITY NOTICES

St. Thomas More Catholic Primary School

- Push Notifications
- Event Calendar
- Newsletter
- Parent Access Module
- One Touch Contact
- Absentee Reporting
- Canteen Menu
- and much more ...

Be sure to enable Push Notifications to receive Instant Messaging from the school

Available on the App Store

Available on the Google Play




DECEMBER SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Thursday 10th December to Wednesday 23rd December 2020

(excluding weekends and public holiday)

Eastwood Leisure Centre, Ballarat

8am to 5pm each day

Pre-School to Grade 6, boys & girls

\$45 per day (\$40 per day for 5+ days)

Enrol online www.kellysports.com.au/greater-ballarat

Any queries call Dominic on 0417 967 621 or Paul on 0423 335 616

JANUARY SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Monday 4th January to Friday 29th January 2021

(excluding weekends and public holiday)

Eastwood Leisure Centre, Ballarat

8am to 5pm each day

Pre-School to Grade 6, boys & girls

\$45 per day (\$40 per day for 5+ days)

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2021 SCHOOL FEE PAYMENT AGREEMENT

Please return this form to the school office by 8th December, 2020

Family Name: _____
 Address: _____ P/Code: _____
 Students Name: _____ Grade 2021: _____
 _____ Grade 2021: _____
 _____ Grade 2021: _____
 _____ Grade 2021: _____

School Fees for 2021: Class Fee \$300 (per student), Tuition Fee \$1,450 (per family) & Capital Levy \$350 (per family)

School Fees: 1 child - \$2,100 2 children - \$2,400 3 children - \$2,700 4 children - \$3,000

Camp Fees: Grade 3/4 -\$150 Grade 5/6 -\$320

Chromebook: Grade 3, 4 & 5 -\$307(2021 device 1st payment). Grade 6-\$244 (2020 device 2nd/final payment)

Please total your 2021 School fees according to the above information, including all relevant camp and Chromebook fees (if applicable) and choose from the following payment options.

Payment Type	Frequency	Payment Details	Camp & Chrome-book fees	School Fees	Total Amount
Direct Debit	Fortnightly Commencement date 18 th February, 2021. (20 payments)	Account Name: _____ Bank Name: _____ BSB (Bank No.): _____ - _____ Account No: _____			
Credit Card Payment	Monthly 16 th of each month (10 payments)	Credit Card Type: _____ Credit Card No: ____/____/____/____ Account Name: _____ Expiry Date: _____ (I will advise school office of new card/expiry details throughout the year)			
Cash/Cheque	<input type="checkbox"/> Fortnightly <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly <input type="checkbox"/> Termly	At school office			
Internet Banking	<input type="checkbox"/> Fortnightly <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly <input type="checkbox"/> Termly	St Thomas More Catholic Primary School BSB: 083-526 Account No:482080647 Reference: your child name / account no			

Please read and sign the back of this document.

Fees Agreement

Account to be paid by (please tick):

Both Parents Parent (1) only: Name _____ Parent (2) only: Name _____

Split between Parent (1) Name _____ % Parent (2) Name _____ %

Other - *please specify*: _____

I/We accept responsibility for the payment of all costs, fees and levies for _____
(Name of Student/s)

I/We agree that all fees and levies as determined by the School will be paid by the due date unless otherwise agreed in advance in writing with the School as represented by DOBCEL Pty Ltd. (Weekly/Fortnightly/Monthly payments may be made by arrangement).

Name of person(s) responsible for payment of fees:

1. _____ Signature: _____

2. _____ Signature: _____

NB: All person(s) named as responsible for fee payment MUST sign this form as it will be considered legally binding.

Responsibility for Payment of Fees

School Office staff can assist with any queries you may have in regard to payment of fees and levies.

Each person who signs this form accepts legal responsibility for payment of School fees and levies incurred for the entire period of the Enrolment of the student/s.

Payment of fees is subject to all the terms and conditions contained in this form.

Where there is more than one person signing this form:

1. Only one account will be issued in the name of all individuals listed on this form unless otherwise indicated;
2. Each person is independently and jointly responsible for payment of the whole of the fees, meaning the School can (at its discretion) seek to recover the whole of the fees from any one parent/guardian or any combination of them unless otherwise indicated;
3. Notice to any one parent/guardian is taken to be notice to all parents/guardians;
4. Each individual consents to their personal information in relation to this account (including payments made or overdue) being disclosed to each other individual on the account or to other third parties in the case that recovery proceedings are required; and
5. Amendments to fee payment arrangements can only be made with the written agreement of all affected parties (including all parents/guardians listed on this form and those who will be responsible for paying fees).
6. I understand the 2021 School Fee structure and agree to fulfill my commitment to the payments of these fees as selected. I will contact the school if my circumstances change.
7. I request and authorise St Thomas More Catholic Primary School (Direct User Id 192184) to arrange through its own financial institution, to debit my account/ Credit Card with the amount listed in the schedule above through the Bulk Electronic Clearing System or Credit Card System from the bank account identified in this form until the end of the year or written agreement.